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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 January 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 January 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☒ Other: see attached Office Action.

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1. Claims 1-10 are presented for examination.
2. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.
3. The textual portion of the specification is replete with grammatical and idiomatic errors to numerous to mention specifically. The specification should be revised carefully. Example can be found in throughout the specification such as on page 1 (line 16 "Anetwork2isInternet" (spaces are required as well as --the-- before "Internet"). Spelling and grammar must be corrected through the whole of the application. "Means" can be implemented in the claims but not in the other sections of the application (eg., see figure 1 (20b)).
4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in-

- (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effect under this subsection of a national application published under section 122(b) only if the international application designating the United States was published under Article 21(2)(a) of such treaty in the English language; or
- (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that a patent shall not be deemed filed in the United States for the purposes of this subsection based on the filing of an international application filed under the treaty

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defined in section 351(a); or

5. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (*) as being anticipated by Kurosawa et al. (6,047,288).

6. Per claim 1, Kurosawa taught a server (eg., see figure 19 and col. 9 (lines 14-16)) for performing a process (eg., see col. 25 (lines 25-52)) corresponding to requests from a plurality of clients (groups per figure 20 and/or 21), the server comprising:

a) environment setting information storing means (eg., see figure 19 (612a and/or 613d))) for storing environment setting information regarding each client (eg., see col. 25 (lines 20-30));

b) client specifying means (eg., see figure 4 (S11), figure 6 (S31), figure 24 (S501)), for specifying, in the case of a request for a process having been made from a predetermined client, the client which made the request (eg., see col. 12 (lines 30-40), col. 13 (lines 37-54), and col. 25 (line 54-et seq.));

c) environment setting means (eg., see figure 19 (612b and/or 613a)) for obtaining environment setting information corresponding a client specified by the client specifying means from the environment setting information storing means and setting the corresponding environment (eg., see col. 25 (lines

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15-34)); and,

d) processing means (eg., see figure 19 (610) for performing a process (coordinating cooperative operations per the Abstract) corresponding to the request (such as controlling meetings) on the basis of an environment set by the environment setting means (eg. see col. 25 (lines 15-17)).

7. Per claim 2, see for example, Abstract.

8. Per claim 3, see for example figures 20 and/or 21 where a client (a group in Kurosawa) contained a plurality of users and the combination of each formed the environment per col. 2 (line 63-et seq.), col. 4 (lines 50-59), and col. 20 (line 56-et seq.), and also col. 4 (lines 4-5).

9. Per claims 4-9, see for example col. 24 (line 65-et seq.) shows a client inputting environment setting information, col. 25 (line 7) shows only an authorized user setting this information and group identification in the packets sent by the client to indicate the group so effected as stored in the client as the clients address (ie., terminal address), while a state was shown in col. 4 (lines 24-50 "read-only" among others).

10. Per claim 10, this claim does not teach or defined above the correspondingly rejected claims given above, and is thus rejected for the same reasons given above. Specifically figure 19 (613)

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envisioned Kurosawa on a computer-readable record medium per col.

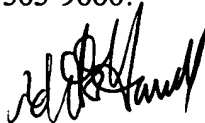
25 (lines 23-30).

11. A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 (three) months and 0 (zero) days from the date of this letter. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned (see MPEP 710.02, 710.02(b)).

12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert B. Harrell whose telephone number is (703) 305-9692. The examiner can normally be reached Monday thru Friday from 5:30 am to 2:00 pm and on weekends from 6:00 am to 12 noon Eastern Standard Time.

13. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jack B. Harvey, can be reached on (703) 308-9705. The fax phone numbers for the Group are (703) 746-7238 for After-Final, (703) 746-7239 for Official Papers, and (703) 746-7240 for Non-Official and Draft papers.

14. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-9600.



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